Handing over of fertilizer units to private sector

†3749. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to hand over some chemicals and fertilizers producing units, being run under the public sector, so far, to private sector by selling their shares to them;

(b) if so, the names of such fertilizers producing units;

(c) the percentage of shares of each unit decided to be sold; and

(d) whether the evaluation of reserved prices of shares of each unit going to be sold has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have decided to disinvest its equity in the following major existing fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) :—

Name of the PSU	Government held equity	Equity to be disinvested
National Fertilizers Ltd.	97.65%	51%
Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	59.50%	33.50%
Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.	98.38%	51%
Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.	92.5%	51%

(d) The reserved price has not been yet decided for any of the above PSUs.

List of life saving drugs

3750. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT :
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-report appeared in the media recently under the caption : "High anti-cancer drug prices add salt to the wound : life saving drugs out of price control";

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has called for the list of life saving drugs while allowing implementation of Pharmaceutical Policy, 2002;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) steps being taken to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices to common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court *vide* its order dated 10-3-2003 in Special

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